

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method for impregnating a layer of a cigarette paper wrapper with a water repellent coating to avoid spotting comprising:
 - applying a first layer of a cellulose derivative to said sheet of paper;
 - allowing said first layer to dry; and
 - applying a second layer of a cellulose derivative to a sheet of paper.
2. (Original) A method as described in claim 1, wherein said cellulose derivative is ethyl cellulose.
3. (Original) A method as described in claim 2, wherein the total amount of ethyl cellulose used for said layers of cellulose derivative combined is at least 1 g/m².
4. (Original) A method as described in claim 2, wherein said first layer and said second layer of cellulose derivative is applied on opposite sides of said paper.
5. (Original) A method as described in claim 2, wherein said first and second layers of cellulose derivative is applied to the same side of said paper.
6. (Original) A method as described in claim 1, wherein said first layer and said second layer of cellulose derivative is applied using a coating roller in a gravure process.
7. (Original) A method as described in claim 1, wherein said impregnated layer of cigarette paper maintains an air permeability of at least 20 Coresta units.

8. (Original) A method for impregnating a layer of paper in order to avoid spotting in a cigarette comprising a tobacco strand wrapped with said layer of paper applying a water repellent impregnation made from a cellulose derivative in at least two layers while maintaining air permeability of at least 20 Coresta units.
9. (Original) A method according to claim 8, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied in a quantity of at least 1 g/m².
10. (Original) A method according to claim 8, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied by means of a coating roller in a gravure process.
11. (Original) A method for impregnating a layer of a cigarette paper wrapper with a water repellent coating to avoid spotting comprising:
 - applying a first layer of a cellulose derivative to said sheet of paper; and
 - applying a second layer of a cellulose derivative to a sheet of paper.
12. (Original) A method as described in claim 11, wherein said cellulose derivative is ethyl cellulose.
13. (Original) A method as described in claim 12, wherein the total amount of ethyl cellulose used for said layers of cellulose derivative combined is at least 1 g/m².
14. (Original) A method as described in claim 12, wherein said first layer and said second layer of cellulose derivative is applied on opposite sides of said paper.
15. (Original) A method as described in claim 12, wherein said first and second layers of cellulose derivative is applied to the same side of said paper.
16. (Original) A method as described in claim 11, wherein said first layer and said second layer of cellulose derivative is applied using a coating roller in a gravure process.

17. (Original) A method as described in claim 11, wherein said impregnated layer of cigarette paper maintains an air permeability of at least 20 Coresta units.

18. (Original) A cigarette comprising a tobacco strand wrapped with a layer of paper having a water repellent impregnation made from a cellulose derivative, said cellulose derivative consisting of at least two layers and providing air permeability of at least 20 Coresta units.

19. (Original) A cigarette as described in Claim 18, wherein the cellulose derivative is ethyl cellulose.

20. (Original) A cigarette as described in Claim 18, wherein the cellulose derivative provides air permeability of at least 50 Coresta units.

21. (Original) A cigarette as described in Claim 18, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied on both sides of the paper.

22. (Original) A cigarette as described in Claim 18, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied in a quantity of at least 1 g/m².

23. (Original) A cigarette as described in Claim 18, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied by means of a coating roller in a gravure process.

24. (Original) A cigarette as described in Claim 18, wherein the wrapper is composed of only one layer of paper.

25. (Original) A cigarette wrapper comprising a water repellent impregnation made from a cellulose derivative, said cellulose derivative consisting of at least two layers and providing air permeability of least 20 Coresta units.

26. (Original) A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 25, wherein said cellulose derivative is ethyl cellulose.
27. (Original) A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 25, wherein said cellulose derivative provides air permeability of at least 50 Coresta units.
28. (Original) A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 25, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied on both sides of the paper.
29. (Original) A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 25, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied in a quantity of at least 1 g/m².
30. (Original) A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 25, wherein the cellulose derivative is applied by means of a coating roller in a gravure process.
31. (Original) A cigarette wrapper as described in Claim 25, wherein the wrapper is composed of only one layer of paper.
32. (New) A method as defined in Claim 1, wherein the cellulose derivative is water insoluble.
33. (New) A method as defined in Claim 8, wherein the cellulose derivative is water insoluble.
34. (New) A method as defined in Claim 11, wherein the cellulose derivative is water insoluble.
35. (New) A cigarette as defined in Claim 18, wherein the cellulose derivative is water insoluble.

36. (New) A cigarette as defined in Claim 25, wherein the cellulose derivative is water insoluble.